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TECHNICAL CLEARANCE FOR CANAL PROJCTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have approached the Government to expedite technical clearance for canal modernization project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to seek aid from World Bank for the purpose;

(d) if so, whether the Government has held any meeting/consultation with the World Bank in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (b) The state wise details of Extension, Renovation and Modernization irrigation projects under appraisal in Central Water Commission/central appraising agencies for techno- economic clearance are given in Annex-I. The time taken for clearance of these projects will depend upon the promptness with which the State Governments complies to the observations of Central Appraising Agencies.

(c) to (e) Irrigation is a State`s subject and planning, execution and funding of the irrigation projects is within the purview of the concerned state governments. Assistance from the World Bank are sought by the State Government for specific projects. On the request of Government of Punjab, a proposal for Non-Lending Technical Assistance on ground water, water logging and water quality problems of the state of Punjab was forwarded by the Ministry of Water Resources to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance for construction of World Bank. The technical mission of the World Bank that visited Punjab in September 2008 has since submitted its report to the Government of Punjab.